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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It is with great pleasure that I learned of the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice last November. The antitrust dispute was long and arduous. The case, which was an unnecessary attack on the success of the American economy, has been a waste of time and, more importantly--money.

The taxpayer and the consumer are the people that are negatively affected by this litigation. It is a waste of taxpayers money to spend three years persecuting a company that has consistently provided consumers with reasonable, accessible products. It is time to let this issue rest.

It is my hope that this period of public comment will end with federal resolve to settle this issue. The taxpayers and computer consumers deserve it.

Sincerely,

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